

PRAY

Genesis Review

- * God made everything good with humans at the top to represent Him.
- * God gives good even when people choose bad.
- * The first "savior" failed, but God provided another.
- * Humanity declined, so God rebooted the earth through Noah.
- * At Babel we learned that God thwarts our plans because his plan is better.
- * God called Abra(ha)m to trust him and to live in the flow of his blessings.
- * God is a one-sided-covenant-making God and he wants you to say OK.
- * God's free blessings demand loyalty in return.
- * God uses the righteous to bring grace to the wicked.
- * When God tested him, Abraham proved faithful so God revealed more grace.
- * When Abraham walked in line with God's Word, God blessed his steps.
- * When Abraham died, God reconfirmed his covenant with Isaac.
- * God chose Jacob, not Esau, to carry on the promise despite Jacob's scheming.
- * God brought Jacob through many struggles to reboot him into a man of faith.
- * Family sins endanger the promise when the sons of Jacob sell their brother.
- * Joseph lived with integrity and became the world's first suffering savior.

BLESSING / PROMISE → TRIAL → TRUST ? → BLESSINGS!

The repeated lesson of Genesis is this:

Those who are willing to trust God even when it doesn't make sense **RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS!**

Epilogue

TODAY AN EPILOGUE : AN ACCOUNTING OF FINAL BLESSINGS / A CONFUSING (SAD) END TO STORY

The Move to Egypt (Genesis 46:1-30)

GOD PROMISES BLESSING AND A RETURN TO THE LAND • 70 FAMILY LEADERS GO DOWN

Jacob's family forms the "**NEW NATIONS**".

AS NOAH REPLACED ADAM, NOW JACOB SORT OF REPLACES NOAH

Settling in the Land (Genesis 46:31-47:27)

(47:5-6) • They get the **BEST LAND**.

(47:7-10) • Jacob **BLESSES PHARAOH!**

(47:11-26) • Israelites get **PROVISIONS** while all the Egyptians are **ENSLAVED**.

(47:27) • The Israelites are the **NEW HUMANITY**.

To Adam and Eve: God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:28 NIV

To Noah: Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth."

Genesis 9:1 NIV

To Abraham: And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants."

Genesis 35:11 NIV

GOD HAS PROMISED BLESSING... AND HE HAS MADE IT HAPPEN!

Genesis ends with Jacob's family having become what humanity was **SUPPOSED** to be... but not quite.

IT'S NOT PERFECT :: LET ME SHOW YOU

Jacob's Prophecy and Death (Genesis 47:28-49:33)

BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS • EPHRAIM AND MANASSEH • BLESSING OF SONS

Jacob's last words: Life is still a **STRUGGLE, DEATH** and **EVIL** are real, and the family **ISN'T HOME**.

Joseph's Prophecy and Death (Genesis 50:24-26)

God will **HELP**.

NOT IN THE LAND OF THE PROMISE • EVIL HASN'T BEEN CONQUERED
• LIFE IS STILL A STRUGGLE • AND DEATH IS STILL REAL • BUT GOD WILL HELP!!

Take it Home

Throughout all the ups and downs of sinful people, God has been **faithfully good**, so will you trust him now and at the hour of your trials?